Budgetary Provieions for Water Studies

1487. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the water transfer links which fall under study by the NWDA in peninsular India;

(b) what is the action plan to complete the feasibility studies of these peninsular links;

(c) what is the budgetary provision of the studies; and

(d) what is the response of the concerned States for the inter-basin transfer?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI ARJUN ÇHARAN SETHI): (a) and (b) Under the Peninsular Component of the National Perspective Plan, National Water Development Agency (NWDA) has identified 16 water transfer links for preparation of the feasibility reports. The feasibility reports of 6 links are complete and the balance links are programmed for completion by 2004, Details of such links are given in the Statement (See below).

(c) No separate budgetary provision is made for the feasibility studies of inter-basin water transfer links under the Peninsular Component. The budget provided to NWDA is combined for carrying out the feasibility studies of all the identified links under the Himalayan as well as the Peninsular Components including staff salaries etc. For the year 2002-2003, the budget orovision for NWDA is Rs. 16.50 crores.

(d) (i) Some States have expressed apprehensions about the reliability and adequacy of the water transfer from distant sources. For example, from Mahanadi to Godavari, from Godavari to Krishna and further south, which in their opinion might affect the existing irrigation for want of water.

(ii) some States have apprehensions that the existing awards of Tribunals will get disturbed. They feel that no water can be taken out of the basin due to awards of the Tribunals.

(iii) Generally, the States having surplus water in the rivers flowing through their territories have apprehensions regarding the availability of surplus water after meeting all the water requirements at the ultimate stage of development.

Statement

Interbasin water transfer links identified for preparation of the feasibility reports

Sl. No.	Name
1	Mahanadi (Manibhadra)—Godavari (Dowlaiswaram) link
2	Godavari (Polavaram)—Krishna (Vijayawada) link
3	Godavari (Inchampalli Low Dam)—Krishna (Nagarjunasagar Tail pond) link
4	Godavari (Inchampalli)—Krishna (Nagarjunasagar) link
5	Krishna (Nagarjunasagar)—Pennar (Somasila) link
6	Pennar (Somasila)—Cauvery (Grand Anicut) link
7	Cauvery (Kattalai)—Vaigai-Gundar link
8	Krishna (Srisailam)—Pennar (Prodanur) link
9	Krishna (Almatti)—Pennar link
10	Parbati-Kalisindh-Chambal link
11	Damanganga—Pinjal link
12	Par-Tapi-Narmada link
13	Ken-Betwa link
14	Pamba-Achankovil-Vaippar link
15	Bedti-Varda link
16	Netravati-Hemavati Link

Note: *Feasibility Reports completed.